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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 11 May 1979

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The Director was in Hot Springs, Virginia; Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting. []

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be in touch with OGC. Mr. Carlucci commented on his and the Director's recent chat with Attorney General Bell regarding the Agee case and its complexity for prosecution. A brief discussion followed on problems and complexities posed by existing statutes. Mr. Carlucci made a particular point that we have got to do better in the legislative area and in gaining Administration support on specific issues. Noting recent difficulties posed by OMB, Mr. Carlucci said he is willing to get together with John White, Deputy Director, OMB but, first, he wants [] to get with Hitz and advise on a best approach. (Action: OGC and LC) []

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[] reported briefly on the outcome of the House Authorization Bill, noting that the bill incorporates some of the language provided by OLC. He said there is a stumbling block, apparently created by Senator Church, regarding our proposed amendment for educational travel benefits to be extended to Agency employees [] in a State bill currently under legislative review. [] speculated that it could simply be an objection by Church to having CIA included in a State bill. Mr. Carlucci asked [] to find out what exactly is behind the stumbling block. Mr. Carlucci noted that he finds it curious that, all too often, recent legislative proposals involving the Agency seem to move along well for awhile and then (for some strange reason) grind to a halt. (Action: OLC) []

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[] reported that the Director's letter to the President was received by Lipshutz (White House Counsel) requesting exemptions re the Ethics in Government Act requirement for Financial Disclosure. He said that Lipshutz is favorably disposed to the request. However, a problem has surfaced: in contrast to exclusion of the DCI and the DDCI from the request, NSA has requested full exemption, including the Director and Deputy at NSA. Mr. Carlucci noted that exclusion of the DCI and DDCI could present problems []

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